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It cost Herbert S. Hadley only \$310 to be elected governor of Missouri, while it cost Cowherd \$2,450.40 to be defeated.

THE session of congress which will open in a few days will be interesting to all people because it will mark the close of the term of office of Theodore Roosevelt, one of the greatest presidents the country has ever had.

ACCORDING to Henry Wallace of President Roosevelt's country life commission, the recommendations to be made in the report will call for better roads, a better system of education in rural schools, a postal savings bank and a limited parcels post. Roosevelt is expected to send a special message to congress urging legislation along these lines.

THE federal census bureau has just made public statistics concerning divorcees. Nearly a million cases in twenty years in this country is the record. That ought to set people to thinking. Perhaps a little better training of the boys and girls concerning their duties when they marry would be a splendid addition to the curriculum of the home.

AN executive order was issued this week by President Roosevelt putting within the classified service all fourth-class postmasters in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. About one-half of the postmasters of the fourth class of the entire country are now in the civil service as a result of the president's order and it is believed that it will be followed soon by another order affecting every state in the union.

THE American farmer has been prosperous under the protective tariff—prosperous beyond the dreams of avarice! The highest prices for agricultural products have been paid during the ten years in the life of the Dingley protective tariff, and the American farmers know that fact. They also know that the rates of duty on dutiable goods, highest as those rates are upon luxuries which only the rich buy, does not concern the farmer, who buys at fair prices articles of domestic production. The American farmer who stops to reflect upon the conditions which beset him in 1893-6, and who realizes that he had no market for his produce, even at the then ruinously low prices, has paid off mortgages, piled up moneys in the banks, and enjoyed prosperity unbounded under republican protection. This is the principal reason why the farmers turned a deaf ear to Bryan's appeal during the late campaign and voted against him on election day.

An Ideal Christmas Present

"What shall I get for a Christmas present?" is a question which comes up every year just before the holidays. "Delineatore" settles the question. "Delineatore" is a beautiful story of love and war, by J. L. Martin. It is in the style and meter of "Evangeline" and is pronounced by literary critics one of the masterpieces of American literature. It is suitable both old and young. Now illustrated volume sent postpaid to any address for 25 cents (silver). Address J. L. MARTIN, Hale, Mo.

A new depot is being built at Meadville to take the place of the old one that burned several months ago.

Improvement of Postal Service

To most people the report of the postmaster general is of more importance than that of any other official connected with the government. The postoffice department comes in contact with the people more closely than any other bureau or department. There is scarcely any person that arrives at an educational age who does not have some business with the postoffice department, either receiving or sending packages through the mails. There are a great many interesting features in the report made by Postmaster General Meyer for the fiscal year, but none of quite so much importance as the subject of parcels post and postal savings banks.

The postmaster general couples the parcels post proposition with the rural delivery, because he recommends that it be established on rural delivery routes only. He says that on the 10th of November this year there were 39,516 routes supplying more than 18,000,000 people. In many states the entire area available for rural free delivery is occupied. Rural delivery is now established over about 1,000,000 miles of road throughout the country, which has required the building and improvement of roads in the communities where routes have been established. Rural carriers will have to travel more than 200,000,000 miles. General Meyer comments upon the fact that state legislatures in several instances have enacted progressive road laws and made liberal appropriations for road building and improvement. It is estimated that during the last fiscal year rural carriers handled about 2,000,000,000 packages of mail. Eleven years ago the expenditure for rural delivery was \$14,840, while for the fiscal year of 1908 it was \$34,361,463.

SHORT COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

For Actual Farmers at State Normal School, Kirksville, This Month

From December 7 to 19, the state normal school at Kirksville will give special courses in agriculture. Last year 97 farmers attended and it is expected that fully 200 will take the course this year. The convention will close with a corn show including \$135.00 in prizes and the auctioning off of prize seed corn on December 19th. There will be lectures and demonstration work in corn growing, stock judging, veterinary, dairying, breeding, horticulture, poultry and other subjects.

From December 7 to 11 instruction will be given by local teachers assisted by the United States department of agriculture.

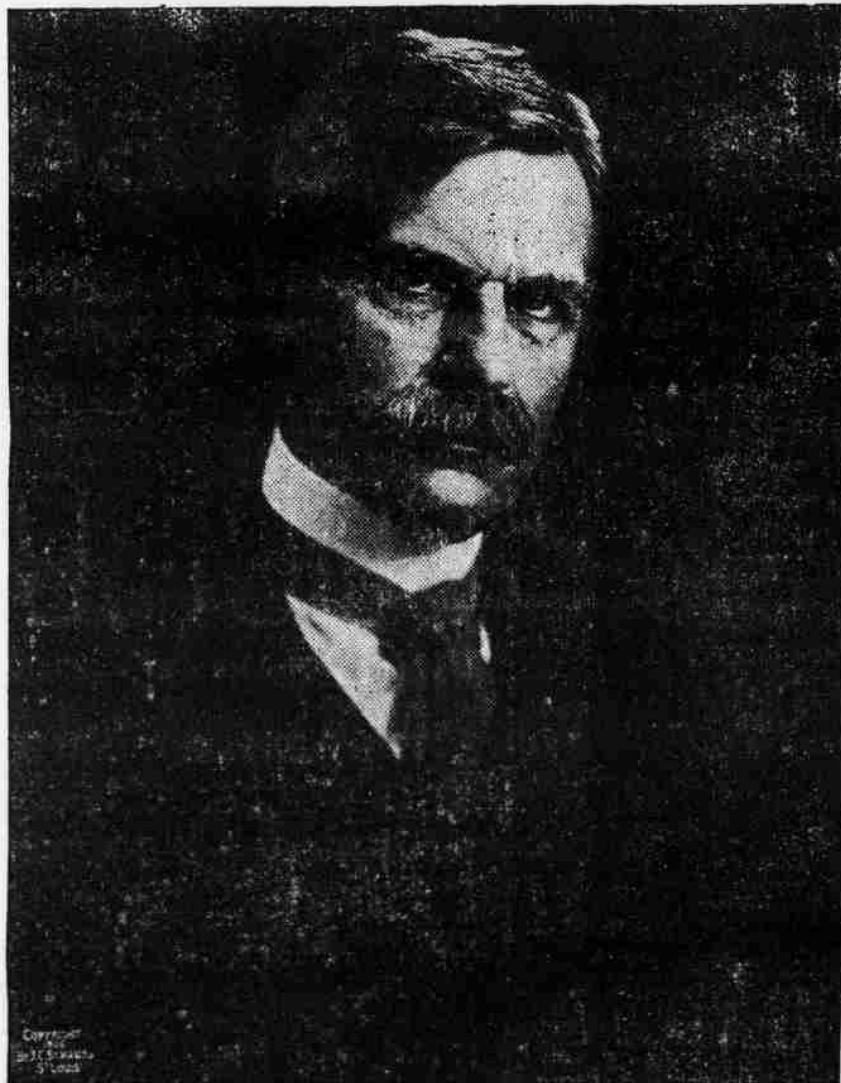
During the second week the courses will be under the state board of agriculture of Missouri. Dr. W. L. Howard of the agricultural college of Missouri will on December 14th, 15th, and 16th, lecture on propagation by grafting, budding, etc; also on soils, planting of fruits and orchard management.

During the same time E. A. Trowbridge of the department of agriculture will give courses on the horse and mule situation in Missouri, on sheep, on live stock feeding and live stock judging.

December 17, 18 and 19, Dr. F. M. Miller of the college of agriculture will give courses on soil fertilizing, soil renovating, gardens, corn selection and corn judging.

These courses will be given in the laboratories and on the campus of the state normal school.

For particulars address H. H. Laughlin, Department of Agriculture, Kirksville, Missouri.



HON. CHARLES NAGEL

Missouri member of the republican national committee, now being prominently mentioned in connection with the portfolio of secretary of the interior. Nothing would please Missouri republicans better than to have Mr. Nagel a member of President Taft's official family.

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Attention Woodmen

At our next regular meeting December 9th, the election of officers for the ensuing year will be the important business to come before the camp. Your presence is earnestly requested at this meeting. J. CLAIR LOMAX, Clerk.

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THE CIRCUIT COURT BAR DOCKET

Cases to Be Tried at the December Term to Be Held in the Court House at Linneus

MONDAY, DEC. 14.

W Smith vs estate of Rebecca Smith.

W E McCully vs C B & Q Ry Co. In the matter of P Kiel, naturalization.

T M Bresnehen vs J W Stoddard et al.

I F Whiteman vs L A Love.

W N Wheeler ex parte trustee of estate of H Vantiger.

Viola Hayes et al vs Margaret M Canada et al.

Dick & Gannon vs G Hayes et al.

J T McCown vs Sarah E Dodson et al.

J F Wilkerson et al vs B Pendleton et al.

J W O'Neal vs Dottie DeMars et al.

Wm Carter vs A W Morris.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15.

State vs J M Hughes.

State vs Otto Dorrell.

State vs James Lockwood.

State vs Fred Lane.

State vs W W and Geo Ellis.

State vs R McLaughlin.

Slate vs James Monroe.

State vs Frank Morris.

Pearl Wyatt vs W F Wyatt.

Wm Hollen vs Mary E Hollen.

W P Carter vs C B & Q Ry Co.

Johnson, Street & Co vs C B & Q Ry Co.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16.

State vs Hiram Bracken.

WH Freeman vs C B & Q Ry Co.

State ex rel E T Maher vs R M Tunnell.

Clara Lockwood vs J Lockwood.

Rowena Cheek vs Thos Cheek.

Alice Lower vs J W Lower.

E G Cole et al vs Flora S Cole et al.

Eliza Chesney et al vs C R C Sheets et al.

City of Browning vs A Rinehart.

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J P Fell et al vs H R McCormick et al.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17.

Melissa J Jones et al vs R W Hyde et al.

W W Holliday vs Nannie Holliday.

P Sportsman vs Dollie A Sportsman.

Lyda E Evans vs G F Evans.

J P Moore vs C B & Q Ry Co.
Mary J Abney vs Wm Abney.
J E Taylor vs Addie Taylor.
G R Parcels vs Annie J Parcels.
Annie E Colbert vs J R Colbert.
Helena M Hannum vs J A Hannum.

Nettie O Lang vs Lewis Lang.
FRIDAY, DEC. 18.

M Jones, guardian, vs S P McCurdy et al.

G Culver vs Williamsburg City Fire Insurance Company.

G Culver vs Atlas Assurance Co Ltd of London, England.

Maggie A Schorgl et al vs Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Star Otto et al vs Arthur Howe et al.

Sarah A Long vs Mary A Long.

L H Gould et al vs W U Tel Co.

G S Reed vs Co Court of Livingston County.

DR. FAWCETTE
Laclede's Painless Dentist

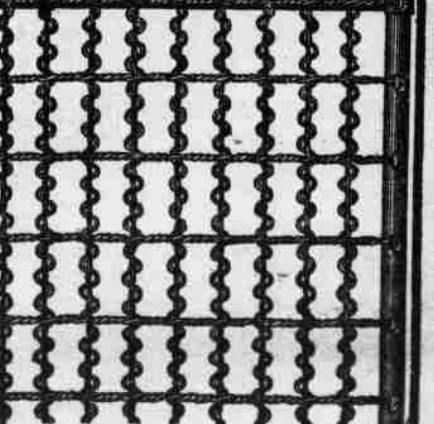


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